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MORE ON DAYTON HAMVENTION 2000. As your editor is almost fully recovered from the festive weekend, I have to report a few errors in last week's bulletin. In my hurried/fatigue state, I put the wrong date on OPDX.462 which should have been May 22nd. Also, I mentioned that TX0CI cards were being pasted out at the HamVention. This is wrong. They were TX0DX QSLs. I am sorry, Martti, (OH2BH) for the mistake, but it was great seeing you and Petri (OH2NB) at Dayton. Many enjoyed seeing you for the first time and receiving their cards. According to "QRZ DX" the duo provided 850 QSLs at the Yaesu booth. Both operators are currently back in Finland. If you missed getting your Chesterfield Island QSL card at Dayton, do not worry. Cards will be coming out soon by mail. Also, in my hurry to put the bulletin together last week, I forgot to mention two individuals were inducted into the CQ DX Hall of Fame at the DX Dinner. They were: Chad Harris, WB2CHO/VP2ML (SK), and ARRL Vice President John Kanode, N4MM.

8M2000, JAPAN. Look for the special event JARL Millennium Amateur Radio Station "8M2000" (Eight-Mike-Two-Thousand) to be active during two different weekends in June. First operation will take place from **Tennouji-ku, Osaka-city**, OSAKA, starting 1000z **June 2nd** and ending 0900z **June 4th**. The second operation will be from **Amagasaki-city**, HYOGO, starting 0500z **June 10th** and ending 0300z **June 11th**. Activity will be on 40/30/20/17/15/12/10/6 meters SSB/CW. The station will be operated by Takeshi/JI3DST and other JA OPs. QSL via the JARL Bureau (BUREAU is the BEST), however, don't send your QSL to the JARL. All 8M2000 QSOs will be sent to you automatically via the bureau.

A52JS UPDATE. Jim, VK9NS, has informed OPDX that he is currently in the U.K. visiting his son. He reports that he has logged a total of 20,300 QSOs (Please note that this is a page count and is sure to be reduced slightly). In Jim's message, he would like, for the record, personal thanks to Dasho Leki Dorji, Deputy Minister MOC, The Director, BTTB and Phub Tshering of Frequency Management BTTB. He also states that any DX group interested in visiting Bhutan (A5) for amateur radio purposes, is requested to contact him as soon as possible. He is willing to "personally assist you and guide you to a successful conclusion". All

OPDX InterNet Subscribers will receive an edited version of Jim's press release as an additional bulletin.

AP, PAKISTAN. Peter, ON6TT/5X1T, is on the move again this time on a business trip through Asia. He was active a few weekends ago as **AP2ARS** and is expected to return again sometime this week after his visit to **Afghanistan** (YA). He is not expected to operate from **Yal**-land. Peter has visited and operated a little over the past week in **Katmandu (Nepal)** and **Tajikistan**. After his short return to Pakistan, Peter will go to **Hawaii** for three weeks and then head back to **Kosovo** (YU0) for a week. QSL via ON5NT.

AX, AUSTRALIA. The "Amateur Radio Magazine" (dated May 2000, page 5, Vol. 68 No. 5, The Journal of the Wireless Institute of Australia) states, "The WIA Federal President, Peter Nash VK2BPN, has received confirmation from the Australian Communication Authority that all Australian radio amateurs may use the Optional "**AX**" callsign prefix to commemorate the **Sydney Olympic and Paralympic Games**. The period during which this may be used is **15 June 2000 to 2 November 2000** inclusive."

C6, BAHAMAS. Joe/W8GEX, Ron/WA8LOW, Mike/N9NS and Mike/K9AJ will be active from **Berry Island**, Bahamas (**NA-054**) from **July 28-31st**. Activity includes participation in the **IOTA Contest**. Two stations will be active on 40-6 meters, CW/SSB. The team will sign **C6DX** during the **contest** and **C6AJR** outside the contest. QSL to W8GEX.

EM70, UKRAINE (Attention Prefix Hunter!). The club station from the Lviv Branch of the UARL, UR4WWE, will organize a special event DXpedition to **Mt. Hoverla** (Carpathians) on **June 2-4th**. They will be active on all HF bands, CW, SSB and probably on the digital modes. The special event callsign will be **EM70DXG** to celebrate the **70th anniversary of the first ever amateur radio DXpedition in Europe** organized by members of L.K.K. (Lviv Shortwave Amateur Club) to Mt. Hoverla in 1930. QSL via UT1WA, either the bureau or direct to: P.O. Box 5951, Lviv 79054, Ukraine.

FR5/T, TROMELIN. Erwann, F6JJX, Lyon DX Gang Secretary, reports that the dates for this operation are now set for **August 1-16th**. He states, "All administrative papers have been granted to us." However, the team is asking for further financial support from individuals and associations. They face a rise in the transportation costs and some of added costs that require from them about 17000 USD. This is crucial for them to find this amount of money to close the budget and make this expedition happen. The Lyon DX Gang involved in this adventure has used all of their budget, and they asked the operators to contribute more money, but this would put them in big financial troubles. So, if you want to help them again, please intercede with your associations granting the DXpedition to FR/T more financial help. Erwann states, "We had to cope with a lot of administrative problems before having the landing permission as the weather station will be soon automatized and no more human beings will be allowed to go on the island. This island is already a total natural reserve. This clearly means that our DXpedition could be the last one before a long time, and another DXpedition could be impossible due to a new ambiguous administrative status over the island. If you wish to help them, donations can be made to the Lyon DX Gang's Treasurer Eric Blanchard, F5PXT, or you can send directed contributions to NCDXF (note on the check for FR/T DXPEDITION). For more details, check the Web page: <http://perso.easynet.fr/~f6jjx/>

HOLYLAND AWARD. Amir, **4X6TT**, has been very active in his mobile lately and has

activated rare grid squares for the "Holyland Award" program. Details can be found on: <http://hamradio.iarc.org/awards/awards.html> Over the past weekend, Amir had the opportunity to activate 37 squares. Look for him on the Holyland frequencies: 14265, 18165, 21265, 24965 and 28465 kHz. Also, check out Amir's Web page at: <http://www.qsl.net/4x6tt/>

IOTA NEWS.....

- **EU-004.** Carl, GW0VSW, will be active from the Island of **Minorca** as **EA6/GW0VSW** from **May 29th until June 5th**. He will use mainly CW on all bands from 40 to 10 meters and operate around 0700 and 1700 local time, family permitting. His equipment will be an IC706 and dipole antennas. QSL via GW0VSW.
- **EU-017.** The Eolian DX Team (IT9HLN, IT9NGN, IT9FCC, IT9UHF) will be active from **Lipari Island** from **June 2-4th**. They will operate on HF, 2 and 6 meters.
- **EU-098.** NODXA's friends/members will be on a small IOTA DXpedition between **May 31st and June 5th** to **Poel Island**. They will use their club callsign **DF0RR/p** or **DF0RR/EU98** (CW). QSL via bureau is preferred. They will have 2 stations with legal power active on 80-10 meters (CW, SSB, RTTY). Also, they will be training students and will be active as DN1JC (training callsign). The whole group (DL7VRO/Fritz, DL7UTM/Tom, DL7UBA/Roy, DL7IQ/Birgit DL7IO/Holger) and many others with their families are using this for a short holiday trip with Ham Radio activity (all together 30 people including kids and 2 dogs, hi....).
- **EU-135.** Hasse, **SM3JBE/2**, and Hans, **SM3TLG/2**, will be active from **Holmon Island** on SSB and CW from **June 1-3rd**. QSL to their homecalls direct or via bureau.
- **NA-NEW.** Operators Rick/KL7AK, Blaine/KL7TG, Larry/KF6XC and Tom/W0GLG will activate the **Kudiakof Islands**, part of the Northern Alaska Peninsula West group; an unnumbered IOTA island group. They have already sent maps to the IOTA Committee and they have verified that these islands will count as a new IOTA island. The team is projecting that they will be on the island late in the evening on the **4th of August**, UTC, until early in the morning on the **9th of August**, UTC. They will use the callsign **KL7AK**. Their main station will be a Kenwood TS-570S HF transceiver with an Ameritron AL-80A amp, using a Hy-Gain TH2Mk3 10-15-20 Yagi on a 30 foot mast. The backup antenna will be two G5RV antennas mounted as Inverted-V's atop the 40 foot mast facing east/west and north/south. Their backup radio will be a Kenwood TS-50S. Rick/KL7AK reports that he has found during his Alaska Island Dxpeditons, that 20 meters is the optimum band there in Alaska. They normally have propagation up to 20 hours a day. When stateside fades out, Europe comes in. When Europe fades out, the South Pacific comes in, etc. Since they will have only 1 station, their plans are to operate mainly on or near the IOTA frequency of 14.260 MHz. They will make CW contacts on request. QSL Manager is Fred Stenger, N6AWD, good in the callbook/Internet databases.
- **NA-089.** Frank, N5VT, will be active daily on CW, 14025 kHz during the day **until May 31st** on the **Chandeleur Islands**. During the evening he will look for VK/JA/EU station.
- **SA-020.** Remember to look for the French operators to be active now **through June 4th** on **Salut Island**. Activity will be on 80-10 meters (CW, SSB and SSTV). Their web site for this operation is at: <http://f8bxi.free.fr>

J3, GRENADA. Harry, W8KKF, will once again be active as **J37K** from here. He plans to be active in the **IARU HF World Championship Contest**. However, he is looking for extra operators to join him. The contest runs 24 hours from 1200z Saturday, **July 8th**, through 1200

Sunday, **July 9th**. If anyone is seriously interested please reply directly to Harry at: hflasher@dayton.net or you can call him at 937-434-9616 (most of the time except Wednesday and Friday AM).

KH5K/KH5, KINGMAN REEF AND PALMYRA ATOLL. According to the latest Kingman Reef/Palmyra DX Group (KR/PDXG) press release, Chuck, N4BQW, has left Palmyra Atoll for Honolulu after operating two weeks as **N4BQW/KH5** and one day as **N4BQW/KH5K**. Dave, WB4JTT, will remain on Palmyra for at least another week, but they anticipate having at least one operator on Palmyra through much of the summer. Chuck and Dave have erected a Force 12 C3 and a WARC beam, as well as an 80m inverted vee, while assisting The Nature Conservancy's efforts to prepare Palmyra for visits by potential contributors. Current operations are still barefoot, but the antenna improvements should enable Dave to reach a larger audience when he has time to operate. They stress again that amateur operation is a secondary mission at this stage, but they expect Dave to be active on the higher bands, primarily on CW, with some lowband activity also planned. QSL all KR/PDXG operations go to K4TSJ.

M0, ENGLAND (KH0AS QRT). Mike, **KH0AS**, has shut down and is leaving Saipan after thirteen years on the island. He and his family are moving to G-land where he expects to reactivate his **M0ALW** callsign this fall. Jim, WB4UBD, holds copies of Mike's logs starting with September 1997. Confirmations of any contacts prior to that date will have to wait until Mike gets unpacked and settled in.

PJ, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES. Bill, K5YG, will be active as **PJ4/K5YG** from **Bonaire**, **June 4-9th**. His main modes of operation will be RTTY and PSK31 on 20 and 10 meters using wire antennas (when XYL and Bill are not diving). QSL via K5YG.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **XW2A CARDS**. Murry, K3BEQ, informs OPDX that he has been recently advised by the DXCC Desk that they are "not" accepting XW2A cards for DXCC credit at this time.
- Marco, CE6TBN, QSL Manager for the **CE0Z** Juan Fernandez Island DXpedition in Janury 2000, informs OPDX that he has sent many direct QSL out since March and via the bureau since May. He wants everyone to remember that for direct QSL you need to send a SASE. Also, use the CE0Z Web page for the bureau request at: <http://www.qsl.net/ce6tbn/ce0z.htm> Please use this because the Chilean Bureau is very very, very slow.
- Cards for **RM0M**, **UE0LEZ**, **UE0LMF** and **RA0LOM/0** should be sent (direct only) to Mike, UA0MF. However, Mike's address is wrong in the Summer 2000 CallBook (Box 29). The correct address is: Mike Filippov, Box 20, Vladivostok, 690021, Russia. Those who were sending to the wrong Box 29, should resend cards to the correct Box 20.
- Johny, LZ1PJ, informs OPDX that he has taken over the task to manage the QSLs for **LZ1VP/AM**. Vlady, LZ1VP(/AM) is travelling a lot due to his profession as a radio operator onboard an Antonov AN-12 cargo aircraft. Johny is in possession of his /AM log for the period of July 27, 1999, through October 24, 1999. The cards are being designed now, and will be ordered at the printshop very soon. QSLs can be confirmed either direct or by the bureau. For direct replies, please include a SAE + postage to: Ivan Ivanoff 'Johny' - LZ1PJ, P.O.Box 15, BG-1324 Sofia, Bulgaria.
- **ZL6QH** was active this past weekend on 20/15/10 meters CW. This station was from the

historical sight "Quartz Hill" at Wellington, New Zealand. It was reported that the sight has some amazing rhombic and "V" beam antennas and is operated by all sorts of different ZLs from time to time. QSL via ZL2WB or the home call of the ZL that was operating at the time.

- The DX Summit provider, **OH9W** (OH2AQ), was active in CQWW WPX CW Contest this past weekend. QSL via bureau. The operator was Jukka, OH6LI.
- QSL **P49V** via AI6V. Operator was Carl, AI6V, in the CQ WPX CW Contest this past weekend.
- QSL **EO6F**, active in this past week's contest, via UX0FF: Nikolay Lavreka, P.O. Box 3, Izmail, 68600, UKRAINE
- Caleb/AD7U and Hillar/N6HR with TF3DX, TF3GB and others were active as **TF3IRA** during last weekend's CQ WPX CW Contest. QSL to TF3GB. However, before the contest Caleb signed TF/AD7U on RTTY and Hillar signed TF/N6HR on the WARC bands.
- Vlad, RV1CC, has provided the following QSL routes for the special prefix callsigns "**RH1**" during this year's World Hockey Championship in St. Petersburg (April 24th through May 14th). QSLs should be sent via the bureau or direct to operator's addresses:
 - **RH1A** - Dmitriy Rajskiy (RU1AE), P.O. Box 417, St.Petersburg, 191011 RUSSIA
 - **RH1B** - Club station (RZ1AWO), Gor. SYUT, ul. 6th Sovetskaja 3, St.Petersburg, 193130 RUSSIA
 - **RH1C** - Nick Sashenin (RV1AQ), P.O. Box 80, St.Petersburg, 193231 RUSSIA
 - **RH1F** - Alex Pastchenko (RV1AC), P.O. Box 104, St.Petersburg, 192241 RUSSIA
 - **RH1H** - Vladimir Sidorov (RV1CC), P.O.Box 7, St.Petersburg, 191011 RUSSIA
 - **RH1J** - Slava Osipov (RA1ACJ), P.O. Box 1, St.Petersburg, 198261 RUSSIA

Special awards will be issued. For more information, check the Web page:

http://www.qsl.net/rh1f/home_r.htm

QUEEN AMAZONA 2000 DXPEDITION. A Colombian team will activate **5K9AQ** in celebrating the "**Queen Amazona 2000 DXpedition**", a very long trip along the Amazona River which will take place for 3-4 months. For further information, check the Web page at: <http://www.amazonqueen2000.com>

ZD9, TRISTAN DA CUNHA. "THE 59(9) DX REPORT" reports that Bob, G3ZEM, has been issued the sign **ZD9ZM** for his **September** operation from here.

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